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FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES REMAPNING IN THIRD COUNTRIES

REF: STATE 216690 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS; BANGKOK 20383
(NOTAL)

1. THIS MESSAGE ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES AND FINAL NUMERICAL
LIMITATIONS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES STRANDED AND UNABLE TO BE RESETTLED IN THIRD
COUNTRIES.

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2. IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE U.S. RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM BY

THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MOVE ALL VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO ARE TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE U.S. INTO THE U.S. SYSTEM NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 1975. LAO, INCLUDING MEO REFUGEES, WILL NOT RPT NOT ENTER THE IATF RESETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND MUST BE HELD UNTIL INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS ARE VERIFIED.

3. PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTS ESTABLISHED TWO BASIC CATEGORIES FOR SELECTION OF REFUGEES STRANDED IN THIRD COUNTRIES TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE U.S. SYSTEM:

CATEGORY I: CLOSE RELATIVES OF U.S. CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS, AND REFUGEES EVACUATED AND PAROLED BY THE U.S.; AND

CATEGORY II: FORMER USG EMPLOYEES AND FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF THE EVACUATION OF CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM (DEFINED AS THE PERIOD MARCH 15 - JULY 1, 1975).

AN INITIAL ALLOCATION OF 6,950 SPACES WAS SPECIFICALLY MADE TO U.S. MISSIONS IN KOREA, REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HONG KONG, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, AND SINGAPORE, WHERE THE LARGEST AGGLOMERATIONS OF REFUGEES MADE THEIR WAY BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABSORBED OR RESETTLED. INS OFFICERS HAVE COMPLETED PROCESSING OF ELIGIBLE REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, KOREA AND TAIWAN. THE ONLY ADDITIONAL CASES THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THESE LOCATIONS MUST BE BASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. INS WILL PROCESS REMAINING CASES IN THAILAND AND HONGKONG AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING SELECTIONS TO BE MADE.

4. IATF WISHES TO PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE NUMBERS, POSTS SHOULD COMPLETE PROCESSING OF ALL CATEGORY I AND II CASES MEETING ESTABLISHED CRITERIA OVER AND ABOVE THE QUOTAS ESTABLISHED IN AUGUST.

B. PRIORITY FOR FURTHER SELECTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE CASES WHERE THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS MORE DISTANTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATED, SUCH AS AUNTS, UNCLES, NIECES, NEPHEWS AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS, TO: (1) U.S. CITIZENS, (2) PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS; (3) REFUGEES EVACUATED BY THE U.S., AND (4) FORMER U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

C. PRIORITY SHOULD THEN BE GIVEN TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT FAMILY OR EMPLOYMENT TIES WHO ARE DESERVING OF U.S. ASSISTANCE SUCH AS: (1) THOSE REFUGEES WHO WORKED

CLOSELY WITH U.S. FORCES OR U.S. MISSIONS; (2) REFUGEES EDUCATED OR TRAINED IN U.S. SCHOOLS OR INSTALLATIONS; (3) REFUGEES WHOSE STATUS AND POSITION IN THE FORMER GOVERNMENTS AND ARMED FORCES OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA POSE PARTICULAR OBSTACLES TO THEIR ABSORPTION IN THIRDCOUNTRIES; (4) THOSE REFUGEES WHOSE PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR EMINENCE WOULD BENEFIT U.S. SOCIETY; (5) CASES OF SIGNIFICANT HUMANITARIAN MERIT.

5. WE ARE HEREWITH ALLOCATING TO THAILAND 1,400 ADDITIONAL SPACES FOR CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES; AND 2,600 SPACES FOR LAO AND MEO REFUGEES; IN ADDITION TO 800 SPACES ALLOCATED UNDER ORIGINAL BANGKOK QUOTA.

6. SIMILARLY, WE ARE ALLOCATING 900 - 1,100 SPACES TO HONG KONG AND HOPE THAT HONG KONG CAN STAY NEARER THE 900 FIGURE.

7. TO COVER CONTINGENCIES ELSEWHERE, WE ARE ESTABLISHING A POOL OF 500 NUMBERS. THIS POOL WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY WASHINGTON.

8. PRIOR INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO APPLY. IN THOSE CASES WHERE NAME CHECKS HAVE NOT BEEN INITIATED IN THE VISA FALCON PROCEDURE, THEY SHOULD BE DONE ASAP TO PERMIT ALL CLEARANCES TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-OCTOBER AND ALL MOVES OF CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE TO BE FINISHED BY OCT. 31.

9. IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF FAMILIES CURRENTLY IN CONUS REFUGEE CAMPS AWAITING KNOWN OR ALLEGED RELATIVES, AND TO ASSIST IN THE REUNIFICATION OF THESE FAMILIES, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT COMPLETE MANIFESTS OF ALL ICEM FLIGHTS BE DISPATCHED BY CABLE TO: (1) IATF WASHINGTON; (2) #8, UNCLASSIFIED

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AT PORT OF ENTRY AND (3) SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS AT CAMP PENDLETON, FT. CHAFFEE AND INDIANTOWN GAP IMMEDIATELY AFTER AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE. ANY LISTS OF PASSENGERS WHICH CAN BE CONFIRMED PRIOR TO FLIGHT TIME ARE ALSO DESIRED BY ALL SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS. THESE LISTS SHOULD BE DISPATCHED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

10. TO ASSIST IN RESETTLEMENT PROCESSING, THE MANIFEST SHOULD, WHERE APPROPRIATE AND WHERE KNOWN, INDICATE DESTINATION AND THE NAME OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REFUGEE RELATIVES ALREADY IN THE U.S.

11. TO FACILITATE RECEPTION CENTER PLANNING IATF WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE AND

CAMBODPANS TO BE MOVED TO THE U.S. IN THE PERIOD OCTOBER
3 - OCTOBER 31.

12. FINALLY, WISH TO UNDERSCORE THAT THIS COMPLETES
ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS AND CONCLUDES THE PROGRAM. THE AG
GAVE ASSURANCES TO THE CONGRESS THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD
TERMINATE AT OR NEAR THE 130,000 MARK OF REFUGEES
PERMANENTLY RESETTLED IN THE U.S. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE
FINAL FIGURE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 134,000 REFUGEES
PERMANENTLY IN THE U.S. #KISSINGER

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